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USS Elrod (FFG-55)

Guided Missile Frigate

Homeport: Norfolk, Virginia

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USS ELROD was built at the Bath Iron Works in Maine, and was commissioned on May 18, 1985. The ship was originally home ported in Charleston, South Carolina and shifted to Norfolk, Virginia in March, 1995. USS ELROD has completed five deployments to the Arabian Gulf, three to the Mediterranean Sea, and one to the Adriatic Sea, and has participated in numerous operations in the Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and the Caribbean Sea. During the Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea deployments, USS ELROD has demonstrated America's vital interests in this region and contributed to our naval presence during periods of hostility as well as calm.

ELROD's third Arabian Gulf deployment followed Operation DESERT STORM and supported aggressive air and surface surveillance operations. ELROD conducted naval exercises with units of Gulf Cooperation Council nations to strengthen and further develop the bonds that were forged during DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. The ship participated in TEAMWORK '92, NATO's Arctic Ocean anti-submarine exercise, and Operation SHARP GUARD, in support of multi-national enforcement of United Nations sanctions and embargoing war materials to the Balkans. During her last deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, ELROD demonstrated America's commitment to her NATO allies by providing a presence among the Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean (SNFM) and Standing Naval Forces Atlantic (SNFL) during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

ELROD crew members have served with pride and distinction as ambassadors of America and spokesmen for our Navy, hosting official and unofficial visits for foreign military, business and civilian dignitaries throughout the world, including Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Spain, Bulgaria, Turkey, Israel, Greece, Italy, France and Croatia. USS ELROD has sailed the major oceans of the world, transited the Panama and Suez canals, crossed the equator and the Arctic Circle. In addition to a reputation for operational readiness and fighting skills, ELROD has earned a reputation for community support and participation in charitable projects. The ship has been recognized for the crew's contributions by designation as a Presidential "Point of Light." USS ELROD has also earned numerous awards during her commissioned service, including the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, Armed Force Expeditionary Medal, several Battle Efficiency Excellence Awards, Secretary of the Navy Energy Conservation Award, Armed Forces Recreation Society Award and various departmental and mission-specific awards for excellence.

SHIP'S SPECIFICATIONS:

GENERAL

Length - 453 feet
Beam (Maximum)- 45 feet
Speed: 28+ knots
Draft (Navigational)- 24.6 feet
Displacement- 4,100 tons
Complement 15 Officer/ 186 Enlisted

ENGINEERING

Propulsion: 40,000 Shaft Horsepower
2 General Electric LM 2500 Gas Turbine Engines
Electrical: 2 350 Horsepower Electric Auxiliary Propulsion Units
Services:

SENSORS

AN/SPS-49 Air Search Radar
AN/SPS-55 Surface Search Radar
MK-92 Fire Control System
AN/SLQ-32 Electronic Warfare System
AN/SQS-56 Digital Sonar
SRBOC (CHAFF) Decoy System
Naval Tactical Data System

WEAPONS

MK-15 Close-In Weapons System
MK-13 Guided Missile Launcher
Harpoon (Anti-Surface Missile)
Standard (Anti-Air Missile)
MK-75 76MM Rapid Fire Gun
MK-32 Torpedo Tubes (two triple mounts)

AIRCRAFT

2 SH-60B LAMPS MK III Helicopter

Keel Laid: November 21, 1983

Christened: May 12, 1984

Commissioned: July 6, 1985